

**ELECTION CONSOLIDATION PLAN
2011-2012
ESSEXVILLE-HAMPTON SCHOOL DISTRICT**

In accordance with Michigan Election law 168.305 (1), this meeting was called to set forth the arrangements as agreed to conduct school district elections between the Bay County Clerk as Coordinator, Local Clerks and officials of the Essexville-Hampton School District. The law was effective January 1, 2005 and required said officials to meet every two (2) years thereafter, for this purpose.

The meeting was held at the Alice & Jack Wirt Library in Bay City and was scheduled to begin at 3:00 p.m. Due to the inclement weather, the meeting began at 3:05 p.m. The following members were present:

Cynthia Luczak	Bay County Clerk
Jill Urban	Essexville Hampton School Board Sec.
Sarah Wilcox	Essexville City Clerk
Pam Wright	Hampton Township Clerk

The meeting was posted in accordance with the Open Meeting Act having placed notices at offices of the County, Cities, Townships and School Districts. Notice had also been published in the Bay City Times newspaper.

Michigan Election law 168.305 (2) requires the submission of a report to the Michigan Secretary of State as to whether or not the plans do reflect any change or do not reflect any change to the terms of the agreements. As various changes had been presented, the Clerk provided a review. Clerk Luczak commended those in attendance for the excellent consolidation efforts previously evidenced by local clerks.

As the Essexville Hampton School District had changed their election date to even year November elections prior to the deadline in 2009, it was incorporated with this plan for the years 2011-2012. Clerk Luczak commended the Essexville Hampton School board members for their cooperation with these efforts.

Discussion was held in regard to the consolidation of the two (2) City of Essexville precincts and how it would effect this consolidation plan. A decision would be made once the census figures were released. There total number of registered voters are about 2,700 at this time with about 1,000 absentee ballots issued for each election.

School board secretary, Jill Urban, recommended the use of the Garber High School or Cramer Junior High for a polling location. Discussed were the advantages and disadvantages of utilization of one of the schools for a voting location to include parking, handicapped accessibility, safety, security, maintenance, storage, and the lack of payment for rental of the use of the St. Luke's Church. A contract had already been signed for the rental of St. Lukes for 2011 but the issued will be considered for 2012.

As the law provides for the consolidation of voting precincts during a certain period prior to any state or federal election, the matter will be researched in a timely fashion if implementation is planned for the 2012 election year.

Senate Bill 1126, effective December 2010, was discussed and copies were issued. This legislative action allowed for the execution of four (4) year Election Consolidation agreements beginning with the 2013 plans.

With no other comments, meeting was adjourned at 3:40 p.m.